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MARINE EXPORT TO JAPAN .
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the export of marine products from India to Japan has declined sharply over the years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Union Government to check the falling trend in the export of marine products to Japan and other countries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b) The exports of marine products from India to Japan during the last few years have been as follows:-

Year	Quantity (in tonnes)	Value (in Rs. Crore)
1998-1999	67277	2295.5
1999-2000	68990	2272.8
2000-2001	68983	2560.4
2001-2002	64905	1820.7

(c) The economic recession in Japan was the main reason for the decline in exports during 2001-2002. Further, diversion of the limited raw material, mainly shrimps, to markets like USA has also affected our exports to Japan.

(d) In order to increase the exports of marine products, Government have been taking several steps, which include schemes for extending financial assistance to the seafood processing industry; steps to upgrade processing facilities to meet international standards of hygiene and quality; expansion of aquaculture; imparting training to aquaculture farmers to adopt sound management practices to prevent outbreak of diseases; assistance to produce value-added products for export; participation by MPEDA in international fairs, conducting overseas market surveys; etc.